



## Increase your water conservation efforts and decrease water consumption.

*California is in a drought of epic proportions. Calendar year 2013 was the driest year on record for California. Reservoirs are at near-record low, the Sierra snowpack is meager; hence, Governor Jerry Brown has declared a statewide drought emergency and is asking all Californians to reduce their water use by 20 percent.*

*What does a 20 percent reduction in water look like? See inside for helpful tips and information. Do your part and try to conserve at least 38 gallons per person per day.*



### Fact

Southern Californians use 1.8 trillion gallons of water each year. If every household conserved just 150 gallons a day, we could replenish some of our water reserves very quickly.

### \*No Water Waste Policy.

Chapter 13.36. of the Glendale Municipal Code contains a section entitled "No Water Waste Policy" **that is in effect at all times.** Noncompliance with these provisions will be treated as municipal code violations. Violators would be subject to code enforcement which could result in penalties ranging from \$100 - \$500, installation of a flow restrictor, or water shut off.

### A summary of the water use restrictions in the "No Water Waste Policy" are:

- 1.No hose washing of paved areas – (we suggest using a broom for cleaning these areas).
- 2.No over-spray or runoff of water at any time.
- 3.Decorative fountains must have a water recirculation system.
- 4.Water leaks must be repaired within 72 hours.
- 5.Irrigation Times: (a) No irrigation of landscaped areas between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. (b) No irrigation when wind is blowing or when it is raining.
- 6.Hand washing of commercial and non-commercial privately owned vehicles must be done using a hand-held bucket and quick rinses using a hose with a positive shut-off nozzle.
- 7.Commercial Car Wash and Laundry: (a) New commercial conveyor car wash and commercial laundry must use re-circulating water system. (b) All commercial conveyor car washes must install re-circulating water systems by July 1, 2014.
- 8.Construction water will not result in runoff and recycled water is to be used when available.
- 9.Fire hydrants are to be used only with a permit unless for fire fighting purposes.
- 10.Dining Establishments (a) Drinking water served only upon request of customer. (b) Must use water conserving pre-rinse spray valves effective January 1, 2010.
- 11.Dining establishments and lodging establishments required to post water conservation notices.
- 12.Commercial lodging establishments required to post notices giving guests option of no daily laundry service.
- 13.Single pass cooling systems prohibited in new buildings or in buildings expanding water service.
- 14.Process water for business and industrial use shall be recycled to the greatest extent possible.

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# Water Conservation Information

**Your guide to conserving water and helping California's water shortage.**



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**Look inside for helpful water conservation tips.**

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# Saving Water

## INDOORS Every drop counts!

*Conserving water is easy; it starts with us changing our habits!*



### TAKE 5 MINUTE SHOWERS:

Educate all family members to do so.

**saves 5-10 GALLONS** a day per person.



### PURCHASE A LOW-FLOW SHOWER-HEAD:

Uses 2-2 1/2 gallons of water per minute.

**saves up to 15 GALLONS** a day per person.



### TURN OFF THE FAUCET WHILE BRUSHING YOUR TEETH OR SHAVING:

**saves 5-10 GALLONS** per day.



### FIX ALL FAUCET LEAKS:

**saves 15-20 GALLONS** per day.



### CHECK YOUR TOILET FOR LEAKS:

Put a few drops of food coloring into the tank, wait thirty minutes. If the food coloring seeps into the bowl you have a leak.

**saves 30-500 GALLONS** per day.



### WASH ONLY FULL LOADS IN THE WASHING MACHINE:

Reduce your laundry load by one load per week.

**saves 30 GALLONS** per load.



### WASH ONLY FULL LOADS IN THE DISH WASHER:

Reduce your dishwasher load by one load per week.

**saves 15 GALLONS** per load.



### CAPTURE THE TAP WATER:

While you wait for the water to get hot in the shower or sink, catch the flow in a bucket or bowl. Use this water on your house plants or in your garden.

**saves 200-300 GALLONS** each month.



### AVOID TAKING BATHS:

If you must, fill your bathtub only halfway: a full bath tub uses 36 gallons of water.

**saves 18 GALLONS** per person.



### REPLACE FIXTURES:

If the fixtures in your home were installed before 1992, there's a good chance you could save water by replacing them.

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## OUTDOORS Less is more.

*60% of the water your household uses is for landscaping.*



### CHECK YOUR IRRIGATION SYSTEM:

Repair leaks, replace damaged sprinkler heads, and adjust sprinklers to avoid over-spray.

**saves 500 GALLONS** per month.



### DO NOT HOSE DOWN DRIVEWAYS, PATIOS, STAIRS OR WALKWAYS:

Use a broom or blower instead.

**saves 150 GALLONS** each time.



### DON'T LEAVE THE HOSE RUNNING WHILE WASHING YOUR CAR:

Use a nozzle with an automatic shut off and a sponge and pail of soapy water.

**saves 10 GALLONS** per day.



### PUT A LAYER OF MULCH AROUND TREES AND PLANTS:

2-3 inches of mulch will help hold the moisture in the ground and cool the root systems. Leave a six inch space between mulch and plant.

**saves 750 GALLONS** per month.



### SET YOUR LAWN MOWER BLADES HIGHER:

Set blade heights at 2 or 3 inches. Longer grass blades will reduce evaporation and shade the roots.

**saves 500 GALLONS** per month.



### STEP ON YOUR GRASS AND SEE IF IT SPRINGS BACK WHEN YOU LIFT YOUR FOOT:

If the grass springs back, no need to water today.

**saves 750-1500 GALLONS** per month.



### USE A POOL COVER FOR YOUR SWIMMING POOL:

This can reduce evaporation.

**saves 30 GALLONS** per day.



### INSTALL A DRIP IRRIGATION SYSTEM:

A low-volume water irrigation system uses less water.

**saves over 250 GALLONS** a month.



### WATER YOUR LANDSCAPES THREE DAYS A WEEK:

Water for seven minutes at each watering station.



### WATER BEFORE 9:00 A.M. AND AFTER 6:00 P.M. \*:

Water for seven minutes at each watering station.



### IF RAIN IS IN THE FORECAST:

Turn off sprinklers two days before the rain and keep them turned off two days after.



### IN THE WINTER:

Water your landscapes only one day a week.



#### Fact

The average Californian uses 196 gallons of water per day. Reduce your use by 20% or 38 gallons a day.



### RETROFITTING YOUR GARDEN WITH CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANTS IS ONE OF THE BEST WAYS TO REDUCE WATER USE IN YOUR LANDSCAPE.

- Find a listing of the most popular California Native Plants on our website [www.GlendaleWaterAndPower.com](http://www.GlendaleWaterAndPower.com), or visit your local nursery.
- Sign-up for our free landscape classes and learn how to plant with California Native plants. Check our website for up-coming classes or call (818) 548-3874.

For additional water saving tips, check:  
[www.GlendaleWaterAndPower.com](http://www.GlendaleWaterAndPower.com),  
[www.bewaterwise.com](http://www.bewaterwise.com),  
and [www.saveourh2o.org](http://www.saveourh2o.org)